

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

This listing comprises all claims currently in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A drawer assembly, comprising:
  - a bottom wall;
  - a pair of sidewalls opposed across the bottom wall from one another and extending upwardly from the bottom wall;
  - a rear wall extending upwardly from the bottom wall and between the pair of sidewalls;
  - a front wall extending upwardly from the bottom wall between the pair of sidewalls and opposed across the bottom wall from the rear wall, the front wall including at least one laterally extending flange located proximate an uppermost edge thereof; and
  - a face plate having at least one laterally extending flange located substantially proximate an upper edge thereof;

wherein at least a select one of a group consisting of the at least one flange of the front wall and of the at least one flange of the face plate includes a pair of flanges laterally offset from one another and defining a first gap therebetween, wherein the at least select one of the at least one flange ~~[[off]]~~ of the front wall and the at least one flange of the face plate is laterally spaced from an outermost edge of the perspective front wall or face plate, and wherein the remaining one of the group consisting of the at least one flange of the front wall and the at least one flange of the face plate includes an outwardly extending first tab that is received into the gap, thereby coupling the face plate with the front wall.
2. (previously amended) A drawer assembly, comprising:
  - a bottom wall;
  - a pair of sidewalls opposed across the bottom wall from one another and extending upwardly from the bottom wall;
  - a rear wall extending upwardly from the bottom wall and between the pair of sidewalls;

a front wall extending upwardly from the bottom wall between the pair of sidewalls and opposed across the bottom wall from the rear wall, the front wall including at least one laterally extending flange located proximate an uppermost edge thereof; and

a face plate having at least one laterally extending flange located substantially proximate an upper edge thereof;

wherein at least a select one of a group consisting of the at least one flange of the front wall and of the at least one flange of the face plate includes a pair of flanges defining a first gap therebetween, and wherein the remaining one of the group consisting of the at least one flange of the front wall and the at least one flange of the face plate includes an outwardly extending first tab that is received into the gap, thereby coupling the face plate with the front wall; and

wherein the at least one flange of the front wall includes three upwardly extending flanges cooperating to define the first gap and a second gap therebetween, the face plate includes the first tab and a second tab each extending downwardly, and wherein the first tab is received within the first gap and the second tab is received within the second gap.

3. (original) The drawer assembly of claim 2, wherein the first and second gaps extend inwardly from the at least one flange of the front wall.

4. (original) The drawer assembly of claim 3, wherein each tab includes tapered side edges.

5. (original) The drawer assembly of claim 4, wherein the face plate further includes a pair of side tabs extending longitudinally along side edges of the face plate, and wherein the side tabs are secured to the sidewalls.

6. (original) The drawer assembly of claim 5, wherein the side tabs of the face plate are located inwardly of the sidewalls.

7. (original) The drawer assembly of claim 6, wherein the front wall includes a pair of tab members extending forwardly from side edges of the front wall, and wherein the tab members engage abutment surfaces of the face plate, thereby supporting the face plate from the front wall.

8. (original) The drawer assembly of claim 7, wherein the tab members of the front wall are hook-shaped, thereby coupling the face plate with the front wall.

9. (original) The drawer assembly of claim 1, wherein the face plate further includes a pair of side tabs extending longitudinally along side edges of the face plate, and wherein the side tabs are secured to the sidewalls.

10. (original) The drawer assembly of claim 9, wherein the side tabs of the face plate are located inwardly of the sidewalls.

11. (original) The drawer assembly of claim 1, wherein the front wall includes a pair of tab members extending forwardly from the side edges of the front wall, and wherein the tab members engage abutment surfaces of the face plate, thereby supporting the face plate from the front wall.

12. (original) The drawer assembly of claim 11, wherein the tab members of the front wall are hook-shaped, thereby coupling the face plate with the front wall.

13. (original) The drawer assembly of claim 1, further including:  
a locking mechanism operably mounted to the front wall and extending outwardly through a front surface of the face plate.

14. (currently amended) A drawer assembly, comprising:  
a bottom wall;  
a pair of sidewalls opposed across the bottom wall from one another and extending upwardly from the bottom wall;  
a rear wall extending upwardly from the bottom wall and between the pair of sidewalls;  
a front wall extending upwardly from the bottom wall between the pair of sidewalls and opposed across the bottom wall from the rear wall, the front wall including at least one laterally extending flange located proximate an uppermost edge thereof, and at least one forwardly extending tab located along a side edge of the front wall; and

a face plate having at least one laterally extending flange located substantially proximate an upper edge thereof, and a rearwardly exposed abutment surface;

wherein the flange of the front wall and the flange of the face plate engage one another, and wherein the tab of the front wall engages the abutment surface of the face plate, thereby coupling the face plate with the front wall, ~~and wherein the face plate is supported solely by the front wall~~ and wherein the front wall is adapted to be secured to the pair of sidewalls prior to the face plate being secured to the front wall.

15. (original) The drawer assembly of claim 14, wherein the face plate further includes a pair of side tabs extending longitudinally along side edges of the face plate, and wherein the side tabs are secured to the sidewalls.

16. (original) The drawer assembly of claim 15, wherein the side tabs of the face plate are located inwardly of the sidewalls.

17. (original) The drawer assembly of claim 16, wherein the tab members of the front wall are hook-shaped.

18. (original) The drawer assembly of claim 17, wherein the tab members of the front wall engage the side tabs of the face plate.

19. (original) The drawer assembly of claim 14, wherein the tab members of the front wall are hook-shaped.

20. (original) The drawer assembly of claim 19, wherein the tab members of the front wall engage the side tabs of the face plate.

21. (original) The drawer assembly of claim 14, further including:

a locking mechanism operably mounted to the front wall and extending outwardly through a front surface of the face plate.

22. (currently amended) A storage cabinet, comprising:

a housing member including a pair of sidewalls, a rear wall, ~~a top wall~~ and a bottom wall cooperating to define an interior space and a forwardly facing aperture providing access to the interior space; and

at least one drawer assembly operably coupled to the housing member within the aperture for rectilinear movement into and from the interior of the housing member, the at least one drawer assembly comprising:

a bottom wall;

a pair of sidewalls opposed across the bottom wall of the at least one drawer assembly from one another and extending upwardly from the bottom wall of the at least one drawer assembly;

a rear wall extending upwardly from the bottom wall of the at least one drawer assembly and between the pair of sidewalls of the at least one drawer assembly;

a front wall extending upwardly from the bottom wall of the at least one drawer assembly between the pair of sidewalls of the at least one drawer assembly and opposed across the bottom wall of the at least one drawer assembly from the rear wall of the at least one drawer assembly, the front wall including at least one laterally extending flange located proximate an uppermost edge thereof; and

a face plate having at least one laterally extending flange located substantially proximate an upper edge thereof;

wherein at least a select one of a group consisting of the at least one flange of the front wall of the at least one drawer assembly and of the at least one flange of the face plate includes a pair of flanges laterally offset from one another and defining a first gap therebetween, wherein the at least select one of the at least one flange ~~of the front wall~~ of the front wall and the at least one flange of the face plate is laterally spaced from an outermost edge of the perspective front wall or face plate, and

wherein the remaining one of the group consisting of the at least one flange of the front wall of the at least one drawer assembly and the at least one flange of the face plate includes an outwardly extending first tab that is received into the gap, thereby coupling the face plate with the front wall of the at least one drawer assembly.

23. (currently amended) A storage cabinet, comprising:

a housing member including a pair of sidewalls, a rear wall, ~~a top wall~~ and a bottom wall cooperating to define an interior space and a forwardly facing aperture providing access to the interior space; and

at least one drawer assembly operably coupled to the housing member within the aperture for rectilinear movement into and from the interior of the housing member, the at least one drawer assembly comprising:

a bottom wall;

a pair of sidewalls opposed across the bottom wall of the at least one drawer assembly from one another and extending upwardly from the bottom wall of the at least one drawer assembly;

a rear wall extending upwardly from the bottom wall of the at least drawer assembly and between the pair of sidewalls of the at least one drawer assembly;

a front wall extending upwardly from the bottom wall of the at least one drawer assembly between the pair of sidewalls of the at least one drawer assembly and opposed across the bottom wall of the at least one drawer assembly from the rear wall of the at least one drawer assembly, the front wall including at least one laterally extending flange located proximate an uppermost edge thereof; and

a face plate having at least one laterally extending flange located substantially proximate an upper edge thereof;

wherein at least a select one of a group consisting of the at least one flange of the front wall of the at least one drawer assembly and of the at least one flange of the face plate includes a pair of flanges defining a first gap therebetween, wherein the at least select one of the at least one flange off the front wall and the at least one

flange of the face plate is laterally spaced from an outermost edge of the perspective front wall or face plate, and wherein the remaining one of the group consisting of the at least one flange of the front wall of the at least one drawer assembly and the at least one flange of the face plate includes an outwardly extending first tab that is received into the gap, thereby coupling the face plate with the front wall of the at least one drawer assembly; and

wherein at least one flange of the front wall of the at least one drawer assembly includes three upwardly extending flanges cooperating to define the first gap and a second gap therebetween, the face plate includes the first tab and a second tab each extending downwardly, and wherein the first tab is received within the first gap and the second tab is received within the second gap.

24. (original) The storage cabinet of claim 23, wherein the first and second gaps extend inwardly from the at least one flange of the front wall of the at least one drawer assembly.

25. (original) The storage cabinet of claim 24, wherein each tab includes tapered side edges.

26. (original) The storage cabinet of claim 25, wherein the face plate further includes a pair of side tabs extending longitudinally along side edges of the face plate, and wherein the side tabs are secured to the sidewalls of the at least one drawer assembly.

27. (original) The storage cabinet of claim 26, wherein the side tabs of the face plate are located inwardly of the sidewalls.

28. (previously amended) The storage cabinet of claim 22, further including:

a locking mechanism operably mounted to the front wall of the at least one drawer assembly and extending outwardly through a front surface of the face plate, the locking mechanism being actuatable between a locked position, wherein the locking mechanism prevents the at least one drawer assembly from being removed from the interior of the housing, and an

unlocked position, wherein the locking mechanism allows the at least one drawer assembly to be extending from the interior of the housing member.

29. (currently amended) A storage cabinet, comprising:

a housing member including a pair of sidewalls, a rear wall and a bottom wall cooperating to define an interior space and a forwardly facing aperture providing access to the interior space; and

at least one drawer assembly operably coupled to the housing member for rectilinear movement into and from the interior of the housing member, the at least one drawer assembly comprising:

a bottom wall;

a pair of sidewalls opposed across the bottom wall of the at least one drawer assembly from one another and extending upwardly from the bottom wall of the at least one drawer assembly;

a rear wall extending upwardly from the bottom wall of the at least one drawer assembly and between the pair of sidewalls of the at least one drawer assembly;

a front wall extending upwardly from the bottom wall of the at least one drawer assembly and between the pair of sidewalls of the at least one drawer assembly and opposed across the bottom wall of the at least one drawer assembly from the rear wall of the at least one drawer assembly, the front wall including at least one laterally extending flange located proximate an uppermost edge thereof, and at least one forwardly extending tab located along a side edge of the front wall; and

a face plate having at least one laterally extending flange located substantially proximate an upper edge thereof, and a rearwardly exposed abutment surface;

wherein the flange of the front wall of the at least one drawer assembly and the flange of the face plate engage one another, and wherein the tab of the front wall of the at least one drawer assembly engages the abutment surface of the face plate, thereby coupling the face plate with the front wall of the at least one drawer assembly, ~~and wherein the face plate is supported solely by the front wall and~~



wherein the front wall is adapted to be secured to the pair of sidewalls prior to the face plate being secured to the front wall.

30. (original) The storage cabinet of claim 29, wherein the face plate further includes a pair of side tabs extending longitudinally along side edges of the face plate, and wherein the side tabs are secured to the sidewalls of the at least one drawer assembly.

31. (original) The storage cabinet of claim 30, wherein the side tabs of the face plate are located inwardly of the sidewalls of the at least one drawer assembly.

32. (original) The storage cabinet of claim 31, wherein the tab members of the front wall of the at least one drawer assembly are hook-shaped.

33. (original) The storage cabinet of claim 32, wherein the tab members of the front wall of the at least one drawer assembly engage the side tabs of the face plate.

34. (previously amended) The storage cabinet of claim 29, further including:  
a locking mechanism operably mounted to the front wall of the at least one drawer assembly and extending outwardly through a front surface of the face plate, the locking mechanism being actuatable between a locked position, wherein the locking mechanism prevents the at least one drawer assembly from being removed from the interior of the housing, and an unlocked position, wherein the locking mechanism allows the at least one drawer assembly to be extending from the interior of the housing member.

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